

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
September 8, 2011

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 8th day of September, 2011, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT: Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W.E. Duff,  
Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield,  
Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson

ABSENT: None

COMMITTEE LIAISONS: Dana Cramer, IAFF (absent)  
Joel Formby, FOP (present)  
Brandon Brooks, OU (absent)

STAFF PRESENT: James Fullingim, Fire Chief  
Jim Bailey, Asst. Fire Chief  
Major Jim Maisano, Police Department  
Lieutenant David Tuescher, Police Department  
Suzanne Krohmer, Finance Department

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson.

Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2011, MEETING.

Member Schnell moved that the agenda of the September 8, 2011, meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Elyzagi;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee September 8, 2011, meeting agenda

and the question being upon approving the agenda of the September 8, 2011, meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W.E. Duff,  
Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson

NAYES: None

Chair Wilson declared the motion carried and the agenda of the September 8, 2011, meeting was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF  
AUGUST 11, 2011.

Member Schnell moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of August 11, 2011, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Elzagi;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee August 11, 2011, minutes

and the question being upon approving the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of August 11, 2011, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson

NAYES:

None

Chair Wilson declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of August 11, 2011, were approved.

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Item 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES.

Finance Report

Suzanne Krohmer, Finance Department, discussed the August financial reports.

Fire Department Report

Chief Fullingim updated the Committee on activities regarding Fire Station No. 9. He reported that the architectural contract had been approved.

The application process for the next academy has finished and a pre-test will be held on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> with the actual physical test held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Fullingim discussed Fire Prevention month. This year, the Fire Department will participate in a program called "Ready, set, go" that addresses fires in rural areas and what citizens can do to help prevent these grass fires.

Councilmember Spaulding asked if this program would address Red Cedar trees.

Chief Fullingim responded that the program did not address this particular issue, but it would be something that the local Fire Department could discuss with citizens.

Member Elyzagi asked if they saw some repeat applicants.

Chief Fullingim said that because there were so many applicants last time, they are seeing some repeats. There were only approximately 250 applicants this time as compared to over 750 last time.

Police Department Report

Lt. Teuscher reported that the next academy will begin on October 31, 2011. Five of the positions in the next academy will be PSST.

The Citizen's Police Academy is off to a great start.

He also informed the committee about the Vehicle and Residential Burglar Report Card program. This program will help to educate the community regarding property crimes. Officers will randomly select areas within the City to identify vehicles or residences that are accessible targets to be burglarized. L They will place a report card at those scenes to notify the residents of the dangers.

There will be a second door hangar program informing citizens about what is expected in neighborhoods. This one will be in Ward 1.

The Oklahoma State Parks Department has asked the Norman Police Department to teach a COP course to their officers.

Member Allen discussed the use of patrol officers for parking violations.

Item 5, being:

ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Topics identified for the next agenda. Meeting to be held October 13, 2011

1. Public Safety Sales Tax Surplus
2. TEAM Program and Officers in Schools

Member Holyfield said he did not understand how a surplus could be declared when those funds have not been collected.

Mayor Rosenthal stated that when all obligations are met, projections can determine if there is an excess in funds. At some point, a surplus will be declared and City Council will determine uses.

Member Holyfield said that he thinks nothing requires Council to declare a surplus and that money should be kept in reserve and fund public safety in the future.

Mayor Rosenthal stated that current needs of public safety are critical and if a surplus is declared, funds would be considered for those needs.

Item 6, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

No Discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.